

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1762 - SB 2089

March 9, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all physicians, osteopathic physicians, and hospitals to release the results of any test or procedure performed on a minor child to the parent or legal guardian immediately upon request or within 24-hours of a written request.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The Department of Health could be in jeopardy of losing \$6,500,000 in federal grant funds for non-compliance with Title X family planning regulations.

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health receives approximately \$6,500,000 in federal Title X funding to provide family planning services. Federal regulations specifically mandate that services be offered to minors without parental notification or consent.
- Section 8.7 of the federal Program Guidelines for Project Grants for Family Planning Services states that Title X projects may not require written consent of parents or guardians for the provision of services to minors, nor can the project notify parents or guardians before or after a minor has requested and received Title X family planning services.
- Federal guidelines also require that all services are confidential and that information may be released only with the individual's written consent.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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